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In Re PATENT APPLICATION of

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For : METHOD OF PROCESSING POSTAL)
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 7 line 1, delete "according to one of claims 1-6", and insert -- claim 1--.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "to 8".

Claim 10, line 1, delete "to 9".

Claim 11, line 1, delete "to 9".

Claim 12, line 1, delete "to 11".

Claim 13, line 1, delete "to 12".

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